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FROM GITELMAN FOR HENDERSON AND MANNING

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: STATUS GITELMAN VISIT

1. SIWO CERTIFICATE SIGNED AS DRAFTED.
2. CONFIRMED STATUS SIWO, ZULU, IKafa ON RELEVANT DATES.
3. CONVERSATIONS WITH SIWO QJD KAFUMUKACHE (DIRECTOR, NTC) HAVE RESULTED IN NOT SURPRISES. THERE APPEARS TO BE CLEAR ASSUMPTION THAT ALL UNITS WILL BE DELIVERED AND LEASE WILL BECOME OPERATIONAL. WHILE MEETING OF CONTINGENCY COMMITTEE TOMORROW COULD RESULT IN DISCUSSION OF LEASE, SIWO AND KAFUMUKACHE CLEARLY ASSUME ACCEPTANCE AND OPERATION OF ALL UNITS.
4. CONVERSATIONS WITH TURNER (RYDER) AND VIEW OF FACILITIES WAS SATISFACTORY. SATISFIED STATUS 34 ORIGINAL RIGS AND 28 NEW ONES ALL OF WHICH ARE OUT OF DAR WITH LOADS. ALSO SATISFIED WITH EXPLANATION OF KAFUMUKACHE AND TURNER RE 7 TRUCKS, 14 TRAILERS TIED UP IN DAR FOR SEVERAL WEEKS BUT OUT ON JAN 6. IQ SPEAK TO WHITE ADVISE OF FOREGOING AND THAT ANSWERS NGTAINED TO ALL HIS QUESTIONS.

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5. DUE DIFFICULTY GETTING IN AND OUT OF LUSAKA, NEIL ARRIVED EVENING JANUARY 16, TWO DAYS LATE. HE HOPES TO LEAVE FRIDAY

JAN 18 BUT DID NOT HAVE CONFIRMATION ON ARRIVAL WHICH COULD BE PROBLEM.

6. NO QUESTION OF NEED TO CLOSE ASAP FOR NUMBER OF LOCAL REASONS. THEREFORE BELIEVE BEST TO TRY TO WRAP UP RESCHEDULING AGREEMENT NEXT WEEK (THURSDAY PROBABLY BEST) IF THIS FITS YOUR SCHEDULES. BELIEVE AT LEAST PRU, IF NOT MORGAN AND FREEDOM, SHOULD BE INCLUDED. BEFORE TGAT SUGGEST TRY TO DISCUSS WITH DYNNER QUESTION OF STATUS ACCOUNTS PAYABLE SINCE HE IS BOUND TO RAISE ISSUE AS WOOD HAS. WOULD ALSO LIKE TO WRAP UP DEBENTURE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT NEXT WEEK, IF NOT ALREADY DONE. WHILE UNABLE TO GET SPACE ON ORIGINAL RETURN FLIGHT EXPECT TO RETURN BY SUNDAY JAN 20.
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